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OUR CHANGING WORLD

The world around us is changing at a phenomenal rate, creating tensions and insecurity. Long established traditions and the way of life in general are crumbling before an ever increasing rate of change. Automation and mass production are forcing issues that never existed before, with results plain even to the casual observer. Note, for instance, the plight of the small concerns--only too frequently they must give way to big business.

To a large extent, a school operates in a similar manner. With an ever increasing enrolment and staff, old problems disappear while new ones develop. Just as the small farmer loses his identity in the over all aspect of farming so the individual student and staff member loses his individuality and must be treated on the basis of what is best for all concerned. The small businessman can only exist if he is capable of competing with big business--the individual student can only hope to remain an individual by his own initiative. This condition is most clearly substantiated by city schools.

In the future we will have to rely much more fully on the community to help equip the students for the future. Conditions are developing which make it ever more difficult to correlate student activities to their best advantage. It is hoped that in the not-too-distant future it will be possible to have instructors for music, physical education and study supervisor-librarians whose concern will be these specialized fields and that they will instruct academic subjects only when their time is not required in their specialized fields. In this way students could be scheduled to take advantage of any spare time that they might have. Physical training, for example, could consist of a short period every day instead of a long period once a week, while the music instructor could work with smaller choruses which could be assembled into a large choir for special occasions.

The attitude of the home and community will also begin to play a much more prominent part. Students must be challenged and influenced to meet the new conditions of larger enrolment in school, where their individual differences and preferences will receive less attention, and of the higher standards of competition which they will meet in life after school. They must be made aware of the fact that industry and academic achievement will play a more prominent role.

We know that academic requirements are being raised--that the new general course is more difficult than the present University Entrance course and that the latter will consequently be upgraded. What I would like to know is this--what will happen to those students who cannot achieve at our present low standards and requirements? What happens to them when the requirements are raised to meet the higher standards of employment?

It would appear that one solution would be to construct and operate technical training schools. Many a student is lost due to the fact that he is not interested in the type of courses offered but he could make a valuable contribution in some of the other specialized fields--and we certainly need many more and better trained tradesmen.

The conditions as portrayed may appear to be rather gloomy and concern the far distant future. If we are aware of them now, is it not logical to try to condition ourselves to this change and to plan for it? Only by co-operative dedication of the educational system and the community can we meet this challenge. Only when this challenge has been met can we respect ourselves in the knowledge that we have done everything in our power to lay a groundwork on which the future generations can build and prosper.

---- A. Hildebrand

SALVETE 1963-64

GRADE IX

Fehr, Raymond	Hoeppner, Esther
Friesen, Bruce	Kehler, Verna
Friesen, Dorothy	Sawatzky, Mary
Friesen, Jack	Sawatzky, Pete
Friesen, Katherine	Sawatzky, Peter
Friesen, Laura	Schultz, Judith
Funk, Sheila	Teichroew, Johnny
Gessner, Lynn	Toews, Albert
Hiebert, Judith	Wiebe, Dorothy
Hoeppner, Adina	Wiebe, Myrna

SALVETE (cont.)

GRADE X

Abrams, Lena

Loewen, Frank

Friesen, Elaine

Loewen, Lloyd

Friesen, Hilda

Martens, Albert

Friesen, Mary

Martens, Kenneth

Hildebrand, Helen

Nickel, Melvin

Kehler, Frank

Penner, Henry

Kehler, Jolene

Schellenberg, Delores

Klassen, Eva

Wiebe, David

Krueger, Joanne

GRADE XI

Braun, Jim

Remple, Tina

Gerbrandt, John

Wahl, Marie

Giesbrecht, George

Zacharias, Sharon

Hildebrand, Benny

GRADE XII

Braun, Sharon

Nickel, Gary

Driedger, Nick

Penner, Lloyd

Fehr, Karen

Schroeder, Marlene

Harder, Raymond

Stirbisky, David

Heinrichs, Harvey

Winter, Leslie

Loewen, Lloyd

SOCIAL.

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We soon settled down to our studies with a questionable outlook on the prospect of the coming year. A few weeks later it was announced that the freshies had to sell two season basketball tickets to get their freshie pins. The next few weeks were a continuous round of asking the same question to everyone seen but it seemed as if most of them either had a ticket or were selling them.

During this rush another obstacle came up--October exams! Everyone studied and wrote the exams hoping to come above the set standards.

There was no time to really take a deep breath, for right after the exams came the Hallowee'n Social and initiation night. The first part was spent going through the Chamber of Horrors. After we stumbled through the wet and eerie obstacles placed carefully in our paths we had the initiations. In order to have every freshie play a part each room had to put on a skit as part of the initiation. Most of them were very cleverly put to the audience. A few of the 'lucky' freshies were initiated individually by doing such things as bobbing for marbles, drinking milk (with blood tonic) out of a baby's bottle and having a sports contest which included throwing a table tennis ball through a basketball hoop, javelin throwing with a toothpick and running races backwards on one foot.

After our initiation, instead of taking it easy we will have to study for exams. Although it is a study-filled year it also has its fun and makes the year most interesting and one that will be long remembered.

John Friesen ---Marlene Schneider XII

Dave Krocker Mormons

George Neufeld Jehovah's Witnesses

Jim Riener Hebrews

H.J. Gerbrandt Old Religions

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-Grant Thiessen, Sec.-Treas.

President - Gerald Gerbrandt
Vice President - Joe Braun
Sec.-Treas. - Grant Thiessen
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United Church Rep. - Cliff Falk
Free Church Rep. - Dolores Heinrichs
Altona Mennonite Church Rep. - Margaret Loewen
Bergthaler Mennonite Church Rep. - Gordon Friesen
E.M.M.C. Church Rep. - Brian Hildebrand
Grade 10 - Elaine Gerbrandt

Guest Speakers

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Dave Kroeker Mormons
George Neufeld Jehovah's Witnesses
Jim Riemer Hebrews
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Rehearsal for the presentation of "The Rock" started in the beginning of October. The preparations for the presentation entailed very much work, not only on the part of the cast, but also for the people involved in building the stage set, and the students who changed the stage sets during the three performances.

The rehearsals were hard work, each one of the cast having some particular problem to solve.

Eric Friesen, as Simon, had to work hard at keeping Mr. Dick (the character in "David Copperfield" he played last year) out of Simon Peter's life. There was always the problem of memorizing these long speeches.

Sharon Braun did not seem to have any particular problem, and was the first to have most of her lines memorized. Of course, she did say that she thought some of her parts were over-dramatized.

Donna Neufeld had the strangest problem of us all; she could not laugh, and seemed to have a strange allergy for Pandira and Titus, played by Harvey and Robert respectively.

Ucal, played by Grant Thiessen, was a "Hebrew of the Hebrews", always coming up with his well-founded remarks, or so he thought they were. A decided rapidity in speech also plagued him.

I had only one singularly aggravating problem. I could not, though I wanted to very much, keep my arms in the air and hold an expression of joyful rapture cemented on my face. Then there was also the problem of never speaking loud enough.

These problems were soon corrected, though it required more energy and determination than would be expected. I think everyone participating in the drama enjoyed the many days of rehearsal, and I hope the people who came to see it enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed presenting it.

--Elizabeth Kehler, XA

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UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR

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On Sunday evening films were shown. Following this a tea was served in the lounge by the wives of the Winnipeg executive of the U.N. It was an informal gathering where new acquaintances were made.

General chairman of the seminar was Mr. C.T.G. Bailey, and it was his duty to see to it that everything ran off smoothly and was on schedule. Most of the lectures were very informative and thought-provoking. The major organizations of the United Nations, U.N.E.S.C.O., F.A.O., and U.N.I.C.E.F., were effectively dealt with by Professor Norma Walmsley, Dr. J.C. Gilson, and Mrs. V.C. Temple respectively. An exceptionally interesting talk on NATO was given by Professor A.S.R. Tweedie of the University of Manitoba.

Ten groups of ten students each were formed. Following lectures we broke up into our respective groups for discussion periods. The leader of my group was Mr. C.S. Craig, a typical Englishman with a real "English" accent. Our discussions were lively, and although they were highly philosophical at times, they definitely cleared up many problems presented to us.

A good many hours were spent sitting on hard benches, but the elaborately equipped gymnasium and the college canteen were at our disposal whenever we had a moment of spare time. Badminton, volleyball, table tennis, basketball, tumbling apparatus, and a trampoline were the main sports facilities used.

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The six days of life in the huts were uproarious. One rule stated that all students were to be in their quarters at 11:00 p.m. except on special occasions. In this case every night must have been a special occasion.

Attending the seminar was an enriching and unforgettable experience, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my sponsors. In spite of the many difficulties the United Nations is facing, the seminar clearly indicated to me that the United Nations is an international organization which is making a positive approach to the problems of world society and in this way is laying the foundation for the future happiness of mankind.

---Ken Braun, XII

The Visitor from Taiwan

On December 2, the daily routine of school life was pleasantly interrupted by Miss Susan Martens, a missionary nurse to Taiwan, who gave us an interesting report of her work there. The hospital in which she works as the Nurses' Training Supervisor has eighty rooms, but is not adequate to cope with the many patients it has to admit.

Miss Martens gave us an example of the difficulty of the language of this country. One syllable spoken one way meant "flower", but spoken in two slightly different pitches meant two completely different things.

Miss Sue Martens is now at Bethel College where she will be studying until she returns to Taiwan.

---Lois Hildebrand, XII

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On December 13, the Altona Collegiate held its ninth annual candlelight service. Despite extremely unfavourable weather conditions, the church was filled to capacity. The three choirs sang a number of Christmas carols, both old and new. These included such ones as O Du Froeliche, Pat-a-Pan, Carol of the Drum, and Lullaby. The singing was interspersed with appropriate readings. The service ended with the rendering of Stille Nacht. On the whole, everyone enjoyed the evening.

The Student Council is the representative body of the Student's Union. It consists of a president, a secretary, a vice-president, and one elected representative from each of the seven classrooms in high school. This year's representatives are: Eric Friesen, president; Dennis Siemens; vice-president; Ken Braun, secretary; Gerald Gerbrandt, grade XII; Elizabeth and Grant Thiessen, grade XI; Victor Friesen and Harvey Toews, grade X; and Viola Braun and Clifford Falk, grade IX.

The major sources of income for the council have been: Student Union fees, basketball gate receipts, the soft drink dispenser, and the receipts from the play, The Rock. As yet, the Student Council had not had a chance to spend any of its money. The Student Council had, however, sponsored one of the main social functions, the Halloe'en social, and will again sponsor the Christmas banquet.

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LITERARY

The First Lady

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It was on November the twenty-second at approximately two o'clock that the world heard the shocking news of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy. An hour after the president's death, police arrested a suspect. Lee Oswald, a young man of twenty-four, was charged with the assassination. Then, not two days later, Oswald was shot by Rubenstein while he was being transferred to a prison. What was the public's reaction to these events? In general, the people were dreadfully sorry that Kennedy was assassinated, but over-joyed to hear that Oswald was shot. Some wanted to give Rubenstein a medal for his feat.

Was this justice? What is justice? Justice, in a simple word, is fairness. Certainly it was not fair that the president was assassinated, but what of Oswald? The United States is considered to be a democratic country. Under a democracy, there is freedom and the right of trial. Even though there was much evidence that Oswald was the assassin, the fact had not been proven absolutely. Before the law got a chance to test him, Rubenstein murdered him. I do not think this is justice. Here democracy had a chance to prove itself and then everything was spoiled by Oswald's death. "Rubi" deserves no medal; in fact, I think that his murder was just as grave as the suspected Oswald's. As for the public, they have a very shallow interpretation of justice. The masses are blood thirsty --they wanted Oswald's blood.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

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It began as it must end;

Yet who believed but she,

Who held

His battered death mask in her hand?

She had not learned to hate.

Among that profuse show

And never ending protocol, she'd never

Learned the cold reality of Life----

And Fate.

The country girls were wiser;

For all, she'd seen the seasons change,

Yet she could turn, and toss her head

Amusedly at things dark and strange.

"O God!" she cried;

And yet she knew,

They were unpitied from their birth.

The cord was cut, and none could stop

The parasite that feeds on man----

On earth.

SOUND

The man walked up the long, creaky, little shanty. In the distance the chiming of an ancient church pealed out to the countryside. Suddenly, a bolt of thunder shook the earth and rumbled beyond the horizon. A streak of lightning pierced the sky and struck a tree. It cracked and sizzled with a sound like burning fat. Then the rain came. First, it pattered gently on the rustling leaves of the giant poplar trees. As it began to fall more heavily, the wind picked up momentum and screamed through the tall trees. The man could hear his heart thumping rapidly as he increased his pace and started to run. Black, sticky mud sucked at his shoes. When he finally reached his destination, the storm, with its deafening roar of thunder and pounding rain, ceased, as suddenly as it had started. All was quiet in the little shanty, except for the monotonous ticking of an old cuckoo clock.

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Then there is the touching scene where the people buy their Christmas trees. There all the good neighbours gather and fight over who shall have the best tree. Finally all the cards are sent out, presents bought (no payments till January!), trees set up, decorations hung, and Christmas Eve reached. The Santas do their last little duties. Then they all flop into bed.

Christmas morning arrives, crisp and cold. Church bells ring, calling all the good folk to church, But alas, all the good folk are asleep in their beds. The Christmas season has been too much for them and they must regain their strength to carry on till New Year's.

--Dorothy Howe, XB

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BEFORE THE EXAMINATION

The scene is the examination room. The players are in their places and the action will soon begin. A constant babble fills the air as questions are fired back and forth in last minute cramming. There are two types of actors. The first sits nervously in his desk, his nail-bitten fingers clutching a notebook as he hopelessly tries to devour its contents. He pounds his head in frustration, trying to thin the too-thick skull. Unconsciously his hands twist a slippery pen until it breaks with an sudden "snap!" Large birds soar in his stomach, while his heart scales his throat. Adrenalin pumps through his veins, nerves tauten; goosepimples burst out on his arms. The examination begins.

What of the second type of actor? During this time he has been sitting relaxed at his desk, playing with a pen or soaking a blotter with ink. He tries to begin an idle conversation, but there are few of his kind. He stifles his boredom and yawns widely until the teachers enter the room. As the instructor announces the start of the examination he gazes thoughtlessly through a window, chewing contentedly on a stick of gum.

--Jim Edwards, XIB

STORMS IN LIFE

It was very late. The howling wind sounded cruel and harsh. The snow, hurled in fury by the wind, gradually piled up into high, soft snow-drifts. The pole in the distance seemed to be shaking fearfully. Some powerful monster was displaying his power over mankind. Time was forgotten as man sat in isolation indoors. A small sparrow bravely faced the wind; tried hopping a few steps, faltered, and was nearly buried in the snow. It tried again; then lay completely still, buried in the snow. Time stretches eternally. This is man's struggle in life. Man must face it bravely; as bravely as the small sparrow.

--Viola Braun, IXA

The jury had just returned a verdict of not guilty. The judge was disturbed because the evidence had clearly established the defendant's guilt. "Just what possible reason," the judge asked the jury foreman, "can you have for acquitting this man?"

"Insanity, your honor," replied the foreman.

"All 12 of you?" asked the judge.

THE END?

A silence had fallen on the earth. It was a strange and uneasy silence. The usually noisy cities were strangely quiet. The streets were nearly deserted. Only a few people carrying huge grocery bags remained on the streets. The grocery stores were full of quiet and tense shoppers. The usual bantering between clerk and customer was missing.

Soon the streets were dark and completely deserted. No bright lights shone from the many windows of the tall buildings. Even the residential areas were dark and deserted.

Only in Washington was there any sign of life. Lights blazed in the White House. People were coming and going. All were in a great hurry. Telephone wires hummed and sang! Telegraph wires crackled! The private line between the Kremlin and the White House was busy!

All radio stations had been taken over by the Civil Defense. Most of the city's population had evacuated to the fallout shelters at the first warning. Those who had built their own were making last minute preparations for a long stay.

Children thought it was adventurous. Adults were scared and worried as they listened to the instructions from the Civil Defense over their radios.

The time dragged by. Twelve o'clock and the world was still waiting with baited breath. The crackling on the private wire between the Kremlin and the White House reached a new pitch. A voice in stilted English hoarsely yelled at one end. At the other, a worried American voice tried to calm it. Suddenly a chuckle, a very small chuckle, but still a chuckle, reached the ears of the American president.

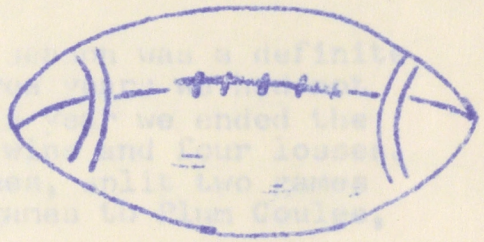
The world released its breath in a long agonizing sigh. A crisis had very narrowly been averted. There was little rejoicing for who knew what might befall on the morrow.

--Marlene Buhr XIB

Football

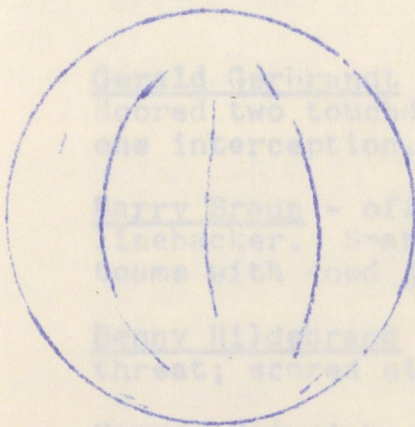
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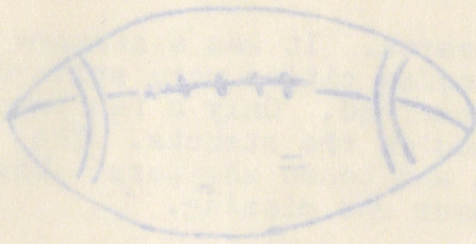
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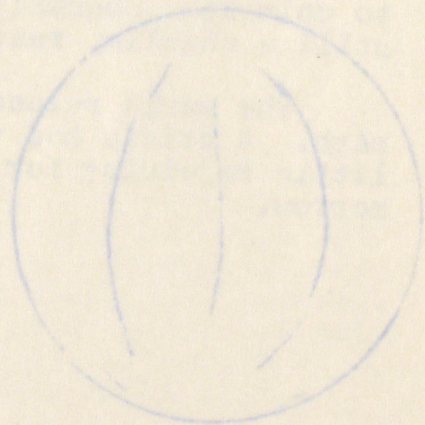


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Pete Wiebe - right offensive end and defensive safety - made some spectacular catches and proved to be a reliable man in the clutch. Scored five touchdowns.

Joe Braun - offensive quarterback, defensive safety. A difficult person to get behind. Made several fine interceptions this year.

John Gerbrandt - offensive fullback, defensive end. A very good defensive player who made it difficult for opposing teams to run wide sweeps.

Lloyd Penner - offensive center, defensive middle guard. Best lineman in the league - tremendous center and was continuously frustrating opposing teams.

George Giesbrecht - left offensive tackle - first year on the team - did a good job at opening holes.

Rod Stoesz - offensive guard, defensive tackle. One of our best linemen. Consistently good blocker and fine defensive ramrod.

Kenn Driedger - right offensive guard and right defensive tackle. Another mainstay on the line which gave us our most successful season.

Brian Hildebrand - right offensive tackle. Did a good job in blocking and opening holes for the fullbacks.

Eric Friesen - interior linebacker. A good player - best noted for a great, leaping interception against Morden.

David Friesen - interior linebacker, offensive flanker. A good pass-receiver. Also a fine defensive man.

Harvey Toews - interior linebacker. Could be the future quarterback for the Altona team.

David Wiebe - interior linebacker - first year in our school and on the team.

Doug Reimer - interior linebacker. He was responsible for relieving the linebackers and did a good job whenever he went in.

Jim Braun - offensive tackle - filled in when George couldn't be there and proved we had line strenght on the bench. Did a good job.

Clifford Kehler - offensive center and defensive lineman. As a reliefman proved to be very capable.

- Eric Friesen
- Barry Braun

Physical Fitness Tests

In the early part of November the Altona IX-XII students were exposed to physical fitness tests. The tests were taken from the Physical Fitness branch of the Department of Education.

They consisted of certain marks, in the form of letters, with each letter having a certain number value. The standards varied with the age of the students. Each student knew the requirements he had to fulfill to get a good mark.

The results in the girls division showed that Gwen Reimer was the most physically fit of all the high school girls. She had a mark of 90.9%. Betty Kehler had 88.6%, Viola Braun-80.6%, Judith Schultz-77.6%, and Elaine Gerbrandt-72.7%.

In the boys division, Ray Klassen was the most physically fit with 84.3%. Barry Braun-80.8%, Henry Abrams-80.4%, Glenn Rempel-80.2%, and Roy Abrams-76.7%.

A few of the students showed enough ability in their fitness tests to repeat from last year's tests. These students were Gwen Reimer, Betty Klassen, and Ray Klassen.

Of these ten most physically fit girls and boys, most, if not all of them, had marks high enough to make them eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. There appears to be a great correlation between mental and physical ability. The tests consisted of vigorous body movements which needed the co-ordination of a strong, mentally-fit mind as well as a strong physically-fit body. The two of these, working together, produced a well-fit student.

I think that the tests showed that some of the students knew what physical fitness meant. Then again, the rest of them didn't realize the importance of them. I also believe that only a small percent of the students "work out" at home every day or even once a week for that matter, with the idea in mind of conditioning the body for general fitness.

Even if you don't feel that you have time to do a few simple body movements per day, I think that you should keep yourself in fairly good condition no matter how full your daily schedule seems to be. A physically-fit body means a healthy body. For this reason I think that our school fitness program is doing its part. But, we must discipline ourselves in working out our own program in order to develop a strong, healthy mind and body.

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They consisted of certain marks, in the form of letters, with each letter having a certain number value. The standards varied with the age of the students. Each student knew the requirements he had to fulfill to get a good mark.

The results in the girls division showed that Gwen Reimer was the most physically fit of all the high school girls. She had a mark of 88.00. Betty Kehler had 88.00, Viola Aram-80.00, Judith Schulte-77.00, and Elaine Gerbrandt-72.75.

In the boys division, Ray Klassen was the most physically fit with 84.30. Larry Braun-80.80, Henry Adams-80.00, Glenn Remmel-80.00, and Roy Adams-70.75.

A few of the students showed enough ability in their fitness tests to repeat from last year's tests. These students were Gwen Reimer, Betty Klassen, and Ray Klassen.

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Boys' Basketball

The basketball season is again well underway. Eight teams have entered the Zone 4 Basketball League. Morris, Emerson, Altona, and Lowe Farm comprise the eastern division, while Winkler, Morden, Carman, and Miami make up the western division.

Thus far the Altona teams have played five games. The boys, coached by Mr. Harry Pauls, have not repeated their brilliant showing of last year when they won the league championship and represented our league in the provincial playdowns held in Winnipeg during the Easter recess. Loss of their centre and leading point scorer, Earl Dick, appears to have damaged the efficiency and spirit of this year's team. Due to the fact that the younger teams in the league are gaining experience and confidence, competition is becoming keener.

One exhibition game was played against the Gretna M.C.I. team, and Altona whalloped them 71 to 25. The first two league games were played against Lowe Farm. In the first game Altona upset Lowe Farm in a close match by a score of 53 to 46. In the second game played in Lowe Farm, the opposition's superior height on a very small playing area weakened Altona's attack and the Aces lost 62 to 56.

Emerson was at Altona on November 20 and was solidly trounced. The score---73 to 22 for Altona. With renewed confidence after this victory, Altona prepared to face the Morris squad. When the time came, the Aces played miserably and were soundly defeated by a score of 61 to 35. It was the worst game they had played in some time and the loss put them in "hot water" in regards to a playoff position. About a week later the two teams rivalled again, and although Altona put more into this game than the previous one, they still lost 48-37.

The boy's team certainly has not exceeded its ability in the last few games. Players are not rebounding enough, passing is sloppy at times, and their shooting is inaccurate. Excellent material is still present in our team, but it is not being utilized to its fullest extent.

Individual Statistics

Gerald Gerbrandt	94
Barry Braun	82
John Dick	24
Lennie Siemens	20
Joe Braun	20
Kenn Driedger	12
Victor Friesen	2

- Ken Braun

Volleyball - '63

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The league this year consisted of four teams. This included teams from Morden, Winkler, Plum Coulee, and Altona.

Our coach, Mr. Bert Smith, led to our first victory against Morden. This victory proved to the girls that they could win, and they slowly began gaining confidence. This was difficult for a good many of the students and teachers had subconsciously voted non-confidence in them.

Jolene's powerful overhand serve(perhaps the best in the league), and the low ceiling in the Collegiate auditorium often aided us in our climb in standing.

Slowly the team made its way to the top. At the end of the season Altona accepted defeat in the playoff game against Winkler and remained in second place.

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Team Members:

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Marjorie Janzen
Jolene Toews

Betty Kehler
Betty Friesen
Margaret Loewen

Substitutes:

Clarice Braun
Dianne Reimer

Grace Braun X
Carolyn Funk

- Marjorie Janzen

Individual Statistics

Victor Friesen	15
Kenn Driedger	15
Joe Braun	20
Paul Stelmans	20
Jack Dick	24
Betty Braun	85
Gerald Gerbrandt	94

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Before we knew it, the basketball season had again descended upon us. As usual, it was met with a few uncertainties and misgivings. We girls had lost our last year's coach and we experienced a few difficulties in securing another. We have, however, with the co-operation of our staff and principal, launched into the new season with a very competent coach and a fine squad.

Our school adopted a ruling about participation in extra-curricular activities this year. Every team member successfully met the requirements and we felt that we have earned our right to play basketball.

Our first game with Lowe Farm was hard fought and well-played. We finished a few points behind the superior Lowe Farm team. Our second game against Lowe Farm was lost by a larger margin.

A win always boosts the team spirit. We managed to beat Emerson by a score of 40-8. In Morris we finished 7 points behind the top team in the league. The last game against Morris was an intense struggle all the way. The game ended in a 20-20 tie. After minutes of overtime, Morris finished 1 point ahead. We'll get them next time!

All in all, I think we are in for a pretty good season. I feel that the team is more experienced than last year. Under the supervision of our competent coach, and with a lot of hard work, I feel we can develop our potential and ability into top-notch skill.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Gwen Reimer.....	39
Jolene Toews.....	39
Margaret Loewen.....	37
Marjorie Manzen.....	20
Elizabeth Friesen.....	2
Betty Friesen.....	1

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Zacharias, Henry

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Porter, Bev

Porter, Sharon

Reimer, Melvin

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Toews, Walter

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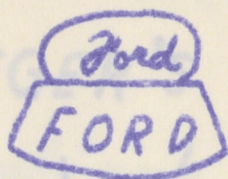
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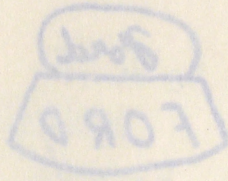
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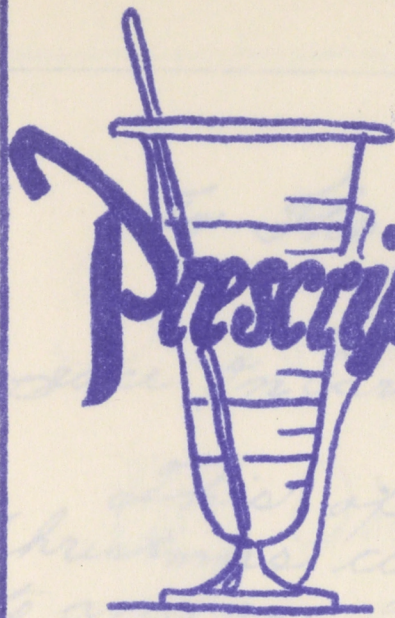
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